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Malvo Case in Hands of Jury

Prosecutor says meanness, not insanity, drove teen to kill

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | Lee Boyd Malvo was motivated by greed and propelled by simple meanness, not insanity, when he killed 10 people at random during last year's sniper spree, a prosecutor said Tuesday in closing arguments.

Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush sent the case to the jury just after 4 p.m. Tuesday. The panel was expected to begin deliberating Wednesday morning.

Prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. called

Malvo and sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad "peas in a pod" who are both responsible for the killings.

Malvo's attorneys have argued the 18-year-old was temporarily insane because Muhammad's brainwashing rendered him unable to tell right from wrong. Defense lawyer Michael Arif said Malvo, desperate for a father figure, eventually became "a cult of one" under Muhammad's influence.



Malvo

Malvo is charged with the Oct. 14, 2002, slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. The jury must decide that Malvo was the triggerman in Franklin's death for him to be eligible for the death penalty on one of two capital murder counts. The second count, which alleges Franklin's death was an act of terrorism, does not require that Malvo be the triggerman. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

IRAQ | A NEW GENERATION



CARRIED AWAY: Iraqis loot a U.S. Army supply train near Fallujah after it was attacked Tuesday. Saddam loyalists rioted in Baghdad, stormed the office of a U.S.-backed mayor in Fallujah and battled troops in Ramadi. ♣ **Leader snared:** U.S. troops capture key insurgency figure | Page 5

Morning-After Pill Backed for Drugstore Sale

WASHINGTON | Emergency contraception — the morning-after pill — should be available without a prescription, on pharmacy shelves next to the aspirin and cough medicine, government advisers said Tuesday.

The nation's largest gynecologists group had urged the move, saying it would greatly increase women's ability to get the pills in time to prevent pregnancy.

Used widely, emergency contraception could cut in half the nation's 3 million unintended pregnancies each year, and in turn prevent hundreds of thousands of abortions, proponents told scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration.

The FDA's advisers agreed, on a 27-4 vote, that the Plan B morning-after pill should be sold over the counter. The FDA isn't bound by advisers' recommendations but it usually follows them. Commissioner Mark McClellan said Tuesday the FDA would make a final decision in "a matter of months." LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

CRIME | Pinched Grinch The Grinch stole Christmas, and now someone has stolen the Grinch. An 8-foot-tall inflatable decoration in the form of the title character from Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" disappeared from a yard in New City,



N.Y., over the weekend, one of eight to 10 balloon-like ornaments that have vanished this season, police said. The Grinch doll's owner, Sandy Blanco, said she was disappointed by the theft. "It's such a Grinch thing to do," she said. **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

TRANSPORTATION Hazardous Doody

Forced to clean up an increasing number of jugs and bags of human waste along highways, the Waste Reduction & Recycling office in Adams County, Wash., took out a full-page newspaper advertisement to combat the problem. The ad features a photo of a plastic milk jug filled with urine, and the message, "Okay, one last time: This is not a urinal." Officials say it's not a small problem: From March 4 to Nov. 27, 2002, one Adams County highway cleanup crew picked up 2,666 jugs of urine and 67 bags with human excrement in them. (AP)

HEARSAY | RESCUE

"It was a pretty big mess."

— COAST GUARD LT. CHRIS ZORMAN
ON THE RESCUE OF HUNTER MIKE HILL FROM A MARSH NEAR BRIDGEWATER, MASS. HILL, HIS DOG AND FOUR ATTEMPTED RESCUERS ALL GOT STUCK IN SWAMP MUCK. A HELICOPTER FINALLY PLUCKED THEM ALL OUT.



ANIMAL WATCH Might As Well Jump

While most humans tend to enjoy the holiday season, it's not the best time of year for turkeys. And the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas — well, let's just say it can be a little tense. But these wild turkeys in Bigfork, Mont., seem to be living the good life. The flock has been visiting the fruit trees outside Martel Construction Co. for about a week, with some taking a flying leap at the food above while others forage below. And the town's large population of turkeys lowers these birds' chances of becoming dinner themselves. (EXPRESS)

KAREN NICHOLS/DAILY INTERLAKER/AP

LAW Pilfered Pot

What a dopey call. Police in Adelaide, Australia, on Tuesday arrested a man who phoned officers to report thieves breaking into his house to steal his illicit

cannabis crop. Officials arrested four men early Tuesday as they tried to steal the plants. They also nabbed the homeowner who made the call — on charges of illegally cultivating 16 cannabis plants. (AP)

RELIGION Damning Evidence

A man who calls himself a street preacher has been found guilty of disorderly conduct for repeatedly yelling at a crowd of people. Mike Anderson

of Clinton, Iowa, was fined \$100 plus court costs for refusing to follow police orders to lower his voice Oct. 27 during the city's annual downtown Mardi Gras parade. He had been yelling, "You're damned to hell!" to parade-goers. (AP)

RECORDS Towering Tome

A 133-pound book about the Asian country of Bhutan that uses enough paper to cover a football field and a gallon of ink has been declared the world's largest published book, according to Guinness World Records. Each copy of "Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Kingdom," is 5-by-7 feet, 112 pages and costs about \$2,000 to produce. Author Michael Hawley plans to donate some of the proceeds to charity. (AP)



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In Brief

SEATTLE

Boeing to Build Passenger Jet to Rival Airbus Planes

The Boeing Co. said Tuesday it will go ahead with plans to build its 7E7 Dreamliner passenger plane in a bid to take back leadership from European rival Airbus. The 7E7 is proposed as a super-fuel-efficient jet made mostly of light composite materials that would use 20 percent less fuel than other airplanes. It would seat more than 200 passengers. (AP)

COMPTON, CALIF.

Man Pleads Innocent in Killing of Williamses' Sister

The man accused of killing the sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams pleaded innocent Tuesday. A Jan. 15 pretrial hearing was scheduled for Aaron Michael Hammer. He could face life in prison if convicted of murdering Yetunde Price, 31, who was shot in September. Hammer is charged with murder and with possession of a firearm by a felon because of previous convictions for check forgery and commercial burglary. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Palestinian Spared Death Penalty in Hijacking Case

The leader of a group of Palestinian terrorists who took over a Pan Am jet in Pakistan in 1986 and killed 22 people avoided the death penalty Tuesday under a plea bargain with the government. Zayd Hassan Abd Al-Latif Masud Al Safarini pleaded guilty to 95 charges, including murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder, and agreed to a sentence of three consecutive life terms plus 25 years. Safarini's case was the first in which federal prosecutors had sought the death penalty for a hijacker. (AP)

ORLANDO, FLA.

Theme Park Could Reopen Under New Management

Cypress Gardens, the venerable Florida attraction known for its water ski shows and Southern belles, could reopen by spring under new management, officials said Tuesday. The owner of Georgia-based theme park Wild Adventures is poised to take over the Florida attraction, which closed earlier this year because of declining attendance. (AP)

RING RAGE | UNDEAD CAN PRANCE



NICE HOOD: No one outside the Senator Theater in Baltimore on Tuesday was truly undead, although 21-year-old Micah Evans of College Park, Md., looked that way. Evans, who was dressed as a power-hungry "ring wraith," was one of 800 people who lined up to see all three "Lord of the Rings" movies, including the new "The Return of the King," in succession.

STEVE RUARK/AP

Bush Signs Bill Restricting Spam

Measure provides tools to rein in distribution of unwanted e-mail

WASHINGTON | President Bush signed legislation Tuesday meant to stem the flood of unwanted e-mail pitches that irritate Internet users and drain the economy.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the measure "will help address the problems associated with the rapid growth and abuse of spam by establishing a framework of technological, administrative civil and criminal tools, and by providing consumers with options

to reduce the volume of unwanted e-mail."

Passed by Congress earlier this month, the measure outlaws the persistent techniques used by e-mailers who send tens of millions of messages each day to peddle their products and services.

The bill supplants anti-spam laws already passed in some states, including California.

It also encourages the Federal Trade Commission to create a do-not-spam list of e-mail addresses and includes penalties for spammers of up to five years in prison in rare circumstances.

DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

CANNING SPAM

The measure signed by the president Tuesday allows law enforcement and computer users to combat the flow of unsolicited e-mail sales pitches by:

- **Opening the door** for the creation of a national "do-not-spam" registry similar to the "do-not-call" list to fight telemarketing calls.
- **Outlawing** spammers' common practice of falsifying the "from" information on sales e-mails.

- **Forcing** sales e-mails to include a mechanism through which recipients can opt out of receiving any future communications.

Spam stopper: More from washingtonpost.com reporter David McGuire on the effects of the new anti-spam legislation | technews.com

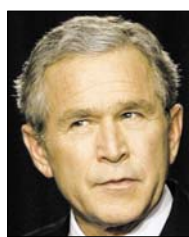
Jurors Weigh Fate Of Mom Charged In Babies' Deaths

MONTICELLO, N.Y. | Jurors began deliberations Tuesday in the trial of a woman accused of murdering her three newborns during the 1980s, a case brought after mummified remains were found in a storage shed in Arizona this year.

Diane Odell, 50, is charged with three counts of intentional murder and three counts of murder by depraved indifference in the death of the babies, who died shortly after they were born between 1982 and 1985 in Kauneonga Lake, 78 miles north of New York City.

Odell was arrested in May after the remains, wrapped in towels and blankets, were found in cardboard boxes in a storage shed in Safford, Ariz. She had apparently delivered the babies without medical help. (AP)

HEARSAY | SADDAM'S FATE



"I think he ought to receive the ultimate penalty ... for what he has done to his people This is a disgusting tyrant who deserves justice."

—PRESIDENT BUSH

DISCUSSING HIS THOUGHTS ON WHAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT FOR CAPTURED IRAQI LEADER SADDAM HUSSEIN.

Unhealthy Youth Poses Risks With Age

CHICAGO | People who are out of shape in their 20s run a high risk of developing high blood pressure, diabetes and other heart attack risk factors by their 30s and 40s, according to a study in which people were given treadmill tests of their fitness.

The lesson: "People can't wait until middle age to try and protect themselves," said lead author Mercedes Carnethon, an assistant professor of preventive medicine at

Northwestern University in Chicago. The study involved about 4,400 men and women who were given a treadmill test when they were 18 to 30. Most of them were followed for 15 years after that.

Those who did not do well on the treadmill test faced double the risk of developing high blood pressure, diabetes or other health conditions, compared with highly fit participants. (AP)

Custody Law Unfair, Court Says

WASHINGTON | A law passed by Congress to aid a woman who went to jail rather than divulge the whereabouts of her daughter was declared unconstitutional Tuesday by a federal appeals court.

Dr. Elizabeth Morgan spent two years in jail in the late 1980s for defying a court order to allow her ex-husband to visit the girl, who is now 21.

Morgan, a plastic surgeon, went to jail rather than allow the girl's father the visits ordered by a District of Columbia Superior Court judge.

A special act of Congress freed her in 1989 and the next year she joined her daughter, who was living with Morgan's parents in New Zealand. (AP)

Nation

Ceremony to Honor Century of Flight

Pilot will fly replica of plane used in historic 1903 Wright takeoff

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. | Kevin Kochersberger is already happy with his pioneering flight.

The engineering professor is to play the part of Orville Wright in a re-enactment of the first powered flight at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, 100 years to the minute after it occurred.

Kochersberger successfully flew a scrupulously accurate copy of the 1903 Wright flyer during a test run last month. On Wednesday, he'll attempt the flight before 35,000 ticket-holders, television cameras and President Bush.

The re-enactment was organized by the Experimental Aircraft Association, a nonprofit aviation organization based in Oshkosh, Wis. It culminates a weeklong fes-



Spectators escort the 1903 Wright Flyer back to its hangar area after a test session in Kill Devil Hills, N.C., on Tuesday. The replica is to fly Wednesday, Dec. 17, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight.

tival honoring the Wrights' successful flights of Dec. 17, 1903.

They made four that day. Orville won a coin toss and piloted the first, a 12-second, 120-foot hop. Wilbur flew the last time, covering 852 feet in 59 seconds. As the brothers discussed the flight with some of the five locals who had watched, a gust

of wind flipped the parked flyer, damaging it beyond repair and ending the experiments for the year.

The re-enactment team has had similar success and setbacks. The reproduction flyer was unveiled in

March, but due to a tight schedule and uncooperative weather, made only three test flights.

Organizers are hoping for better weather, and a little luck, on Wednesday. MARGARET LILLARD (AP)



First flight: More on the Wright brothers flight, including video interviews with patrons at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum | washingtonpost.com/nation

Thurmond's Son to Meet Half-Sister

COLUMBIA, S.C. | Strom Thurmond Jr. says he is ready to meet his mixed-race half sister, whose relationship to the family was kept secret by his father for nearly eight decades.

Essie Mae Washington-Williams, a 78-year-old retiree living in Los Angeles, says former U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond Sr., a onetime segregationist, fathered her when he was 22 and living in his parents' home in Edgefield. Her mother, Carrie Butler, then 16, worked there as a maid.

"We have no reason to believe Ms. Williams was not telling the truth," Strom Thurmond Jr. told The (Columbia) State.

Thurmond said he was looking forward to establishing a relationship with the retired schoolteacher, but plans to do that in private. (AP)

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In Brief

NETHERLANDS

U.S., Mexico Argue Before U.N. Court Over Death Row Cases

The United States asked the United Nations' highest legal body not to interfere in its criminal justice system, demanding Tuesday that it throw out a case filed by Mexico over the death penalty. The International Court of Justice is hearing a suit that alleges 52 Mexican citizens on U.S. death row were denied a fair trial because they weren't told they had a right to help from the Mexican consulate. (AP)

MIDEAST

Israel Bars Arafat From Celebrations in Bethlehem

Israel on Tuesday barred Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem, the traditional site of Jesus' birthplace, for a third straight year. Arafat, a Muslim, regularly attended the celebrations before Israel confined him to Ramallah two years ago. Israel accuses the Palestinian leader of failing to prevent suicide attacks. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN

Country's Main Route From Kandahar to Kabul Reopens

Afghanistan on Tuesday inaugurated the refurbished Kabul-Kandahar highway. The 300-mile highway was retooled over 11 months despite an onslaught of Taliban attacks against road workers, mine clearers and security personnel. Resurfacing has cut travel time between the two Afghan cities from 16 hours to about six, helping knit the country and its devastated economy back together. The \$270 million project was funded mostly by the American government. (AP)

U.S. Troops Snag Guerrilla Leader

Iraqi described as major financier of insurgency

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Troops snared a leader of the guerrilla insurgency and 78 other people in a raid north of Baghdad, not far from where Saddam Hussein was captured three days earlier, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

The raid in the village of Abu Safa, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, began late Monday after insurgents in Samarra ambushed U.S. forces. The military said Tuesday that its troops killed 11 of the attackers. No Americans were hurt.

By early Tuesday, U.S. troops arrested Qais Hattam, the No. 5 fugitive on the U.S. Army's list of "high value targets," said Capt.

Gaven Gregory of the 4th Infantry. The guerrilla leader was described as a major financier of insurgents who have been fighting the U.S.-led coalition for months.

Also on Tuesday, a pro-Saddam demonstration in the northern city of Mosul ended in violence, with one policeman killed. Previous pro-Saddam protests in Fallujah and Ramadi on Monday also turned violent. At least four protesters were killed and one U.S. soldier was wounded in the clashes, officials said. SLOBODAN LEKIC (AP)

Bounty: U.S. says document found during Saddam's capture is helping fight insurgency | Today's Post: Section A



Iraqis examine a sign on Tuesday that was damaged during a clash between U.S. troops and Saddam supporters the day before in the tense city of Fallujah.

JAPAN | DOLLED UP



TOYS: A Japanese company unveiled its newest dolls, based on the year's most memorable news stories, in Tokyo on Tuesday. These dolls are reenacting the SARS disinfection process.

U.N.'s Annan Resisting Calls to Return to Iraq

UNITED NATIONS | Iraqi Foreign Ministry Hoshiyar Zebari accused the United Nations on Tuesday of failing to rescue his country from Saddam Hussein's "murderous tyranny." He urged the world body not to fail Iraq again and to return to help build a democratic nation.

But Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he needed "much greater clarity" on what the U.S.-led coalition expects of the United Nations. That would help, Annan said, to gauge whether the job was worth the risk to U.N. staff.

Annan pulled all U.N. international staff out of Iraq in October after two bombings at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad and a series

of attacks on humanitarian organizations. The first bombing on Aug. 19 killed 22 people, including top U.N. envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **The CIA is taking the lead** in overseeing the interrogation of Saddam Hussein, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

→ **Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff** Gen. Richard Myers said in Baghdad Tuesday that military planners were preparing for U.S. troops to stay in Iraq for up to two more years.

Key Allies Agree on Iraqi Debts

France, Germany say they will help ease country's huge debt

BERLIN | President Bush's special envoy on Iraq won agreement Tuesday from Germany and France, two of the most ardent opponents of the American-led war, to ease Baghdad's huge debt burden.

The agreement came after former Secretary of State James A. Baker III met with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in Berlin and French President Jacques Chirac in Paris.

France, Germany and the United States agree that there should be substantial debt reduction for Iraq in the Paris Club, a 19-member group of creditor nations, the leaders of the three nations said in a joint statement.

Iraq owes \$40 billion to the United States, France, Germany, Japan, Russia and others in the Paris Club.

Baker's mission was complicated by the Pentagon's exclusion of war opponents from \$18.6 billion in U.S.-financed reconstruction projects in Iraq. COLLEEN BARRY (AP)

Ethiopia's Lessons on Trying a Dictator

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA | Nine years into the trial of former dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam and his regime, attorneys finally opened the defense case Tuesday against 209 charges of crimes against humanity.

The genocide trial of Mengistu and 69 of his top aides has become a lesson in the challenges of using a local justice system to prosecute crimes committed by a former dic-

tator and his government in a war-ravaged country.

As Iraqi and U.S. officials begin debating how to try former Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein, the trials once hailed as "Africa's Nuremberg" could provide an example of the difficulties local courts have.



Mariam

While no one knows how many people Mengistu's Marxist regime killed during the 1970s nationwide purge of students, intellectuals and politicians, some experts estimate 150,000 suspected government opponents were killed.

Victims' relatives say the slow pace, lack of convictions and numerous delays have diminished the trials' value. Many also complain they have produced scant information about why the purges took place or how the victims were chosen. (AP)

HEARSAY | SADDAM

"I feel pity at seeing this destroyed man, treated like a cow having his teeth checked."

—THE VATICAN'S CARDINAL RENATO MARTINO CRITICIZING THE U.S. MILITARY FOR RELEASING THE VIDEOTAPE OF THE DEPOSED IRAQI LEADER'S MEDICAL EXAM AFTER HIS CAPTURE. THE CARDINAL SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS PLEASED SADDAM WAS CAUGHT AND HE HOPED IT WOULD BRING PEACE TO IRAQ.

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Local

Dulles Metro Line Receives Support

Board member Hanley describes extension as a necessity for the region

FAIRFAX, VA. | Extending Metrorail to Tysons Corner and Dulles Airport has hit a series of roadblocks in recent weeks. But a longtime champion of the plan believes the line must be built — and will — because the region desperately needs it.

Outgoing Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Katherine K. Hanley — who also sits on the Metro Board — called the project “a priority in Fairfax and northern Virginia.”

“I believe there will be sup-

port for that just as the rest of the region has supported Maryland in its expansions,” Hanley said in an Associated Press interview.

The next chairman of the Metro Board, Robert J. Smith, said last week he opposes the extension unless there is a change in the portion Maryland would pay for operating the line. Maryland Transportation Secretary Robert L. Flanagan later said Smith was expressing his personal opinion, and that the state does not intend to block the line.

Earlier this month, the Herndon Town Council vetoed a special transit tax district, throwing a monkey wrench into the financing plan.

MICHAEL W. KAHN (AP)

Md. Lawmakers Push for Statewide Smoking Ban

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Two Maryland legislators announced Tuesday they will introduce legislation banning smoking in indoor public places statewide.

The ban would prohibit lighting up in bars and restaurants as well as public restrooms, child care and health care facilities, nursing homes, sports arenas, gymnasiums, bowling alleys and at least 75 percent of the rented rooms in hotels.

The Clean Indoor Air Act of 2004 is identical to legislation that failed to pass in the 2003 session.

Delegate Barbara Frush, D-Prince George's, and fellow sponsor Senator Ida Ruben, D-Montgomery, held a news conference Tuesday to announce the bill and were flanked



Md. Sen. Ida Ruben, right, and Del. Barbara Frush advocate a smoking ban.

by representatives of Smoke Free Maryland, the American Heart Association and the state chapter of Bar and Restaurant Employees Acting Together for a Healthy Environment. GRETCHEN PARKER (AP)

HEARSAY | TAX REFORM



“There’s been some partisan snipping, but nobody has yet stepped up and said, ‘Here, governor, here’s our six-year plan.’”

—VA. GOV. MARK R. WARNER (D)

ON WTOP-RADIO DISCUSSING THE DEBATE OVER HIS TAX PLAN.

In Brief

BALTIMORE

Gov. Ehrlich Scores Victory Over O'Malley in Lawsuit

Gov. Robert Ehrlich scored a victory Tuesday in a lawsuit brought by Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley over who should run the city's Department of Social Services. A city judge denied a request by O'Malley's office to block Ehrlich's choice to head the department, Floyd Blair, from making changes to the 2,400-employee agency. O'Malley's lawsuit claims the governor's appointment of a novice manager to run a chaotic agency endangers children and violates the law because it didn't have city approval. (AP)

BALTIMORE

Sarbanes Released From Hospital After Surgery

U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland was released from Johns Hopkins Hospital on Tuesday, a day after undergoing surgery to remove a benign tumor on his salivary gland, Sarbanes's office said. “The surgery went extremely well,” said spokesman Jesse Jacobs. (AP)

☐ **History trail:** The African-American Heritage Trail was unveiled Tuesday in D.C. | washingtonpost.com/metro

The Lotteries

December 16

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-3-7
Evening Lucky Numbers	9-9-8
Mid-day DC 4	5-3-4-7
Evening DC 4	9-2-3-2
Quick Cash	19-18-38-14-3-22
Hot Five	33-4-32-31-20

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-3-6
Evening Pick 3	4-3-0
Mid-day Pick 4	4-6-0-0
Evening Pick 4	4-2-4-0
Match 5	5-10-26-28-38 Bonus: 9

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	1-6-4
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	1-5-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	3-0-2-7
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	2-2-5-4
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Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	1-9-12-13-32

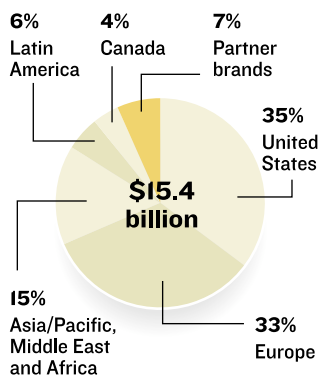
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Money

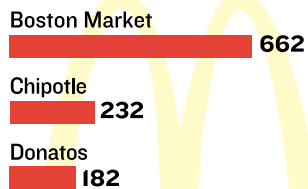
Golden Arches Tightens Its Belt

Fast-food giant McDonald's Corp. is cutting some of its non-McDonald's brand operations. Domestic Boston Market and Chipotle restaurants won't be affected, but Donatos Pizzeria will be sold.

2002 revenue



Partner brands, locations in 2002



NOTE: McDonald's plans to exit its domestic joint venture with Fozoli's; it will retain a minority investment in Pret A Manger.

SOURCES: Hoovers Inc.; McDonald's

AP

Rise in Gas Prices Draws Suspicion

Congress seeks probe into 50% rate hike, possible price gouging

WASHINGTON | A surge in natural gas prices is raising fears of high heating costs this winter and has prompted a demand in Congress for an investigation into possible price gouging and market manipulation.

Natural gas prices, on both the spot and futures market, have soared nearly 50 percent since just before Thanksgiving.

Industrial users of natural gas have called for an investigation into possible market abuses. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, promised hearings on the issue.

He said he couldn't understand how normal market forces could cause a 50 percent jump in price when supplies appear adequate.

Analysts said a combination of events have spooked the market, including an onslaught of



LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham discusses rising gas prices Tuesday.

severe weather in the Northeast and Midwest and the memory of similar conditions a year ago when an unexpected cold spell caused a sudden drop in supplies and soaring prices.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham told reporters Tuesday that weather has been a factor in the price surge, but "it may not be the only factor." H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

FTC Warns of Envelope-Stuffing Con

WASHINGTON | The Federal Trade Commission is warning people about con artists who say they will pay big bucks for stuffing envelopes at home.

Promoters usually advertise that,

for a small fee, they will tell people how to earn money stuffing envelopes, claiming they'll pay for each envelope stuffed.

Instead, after people send their

money, they're told to place the same "envelope-stuffing" ad elsewhere — and the only way they'll earn money is if people respond to their ads.

Work-at-home business fraud ranked seventh in a 2002 list of consumer complaints. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Celanese	40.06	+4.26	+11.9
Omnova	5.11	+.50	+10.8
TritonPCS	5.75	+.55	+10.6
EnPro	14.50	+1.33	+10.1
Cnvrsgs	16.47	+1.30	+8.6

Losers

BarryRG h	4.89	-1.27	-20.6
NamTai s	28.85	-6.00	-17.2
Coachmen	15.89	-2.65	-14.3
Amdocs	22.00	-3.27	-12.9
YorkIn	34.78	-4.26	-10.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.88	0.90
2-year	1.80	1.97
10-year	4.22	4.36
30-year	5.06	5.16

NASDAQ Stock Market

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
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ImperlSgr n	14.08	+1.88	+15.4
Highvld	2.62	+.33	+14.4
Pantry	24.80	+3.13	+14.4

Losers

ExtNetw	6.35	-1.84	-22.5
IbisTech	10.37	-2.83	-21.4
LivePrsn	4.41	-1.04	-19.1
SprtnStr	4.36	-.87	-16.6
MACC	2.45	-.45	-15.5

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5696	.5727	.6282
Canadian Dollar	1.3248	1.3138	1.5613
European Euro	.8105	.8131	.9784
Japanese Yen	107.43	107.52	121.28
Mexican Peso	11.2545	11.3150	10.2020
Taiwanese Dollar	34.01	34.01	34.79

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	45.08	+.37	+20.9
Comcast	31.97	+.25	+35.6
Comc sp	30.46	+.15	+34.8
CoxCom	34.02	-.18	+19.8
Disney	22.95	+.12	+40.7
Fox Ent	27.93	-.28	+7.7
Gannett	87.90	+.55	+22.4
GM H	15.20	+.09	+42.1
GTelevisa	37.87	+.27	+35.6
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LibtyMB	11.88	+.08	+29.1
NewsCorp	34.82	-.10	+32.6
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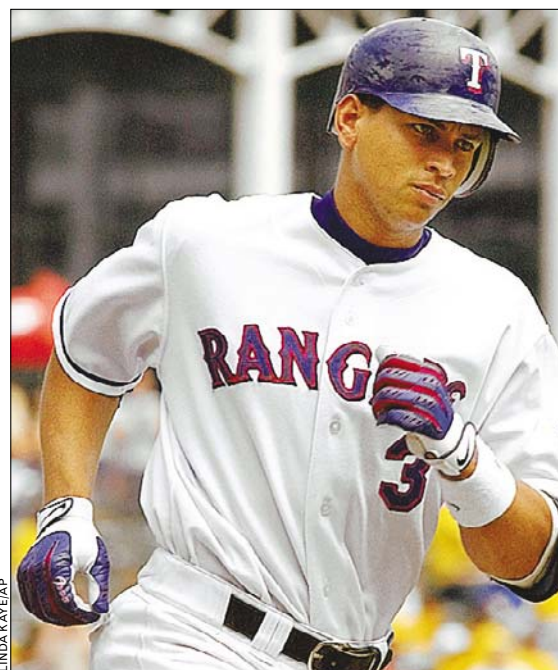
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Sports



STANDBY: Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez and Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez are waiting to see if they are traded.

Trading Places? Not Yet

Boston, Texas owners take lead in possible swapping of all-stars

PRO BASEBALL | Red Sox owner John Henry and Rangers owner Tom Hicks are talking again.

And the more they talk, the more likely American League MVP Alex Rodriguez will wind

up in Boston and Manny Ramirez in Texas.

"We're at a sensitive point," Hicks said in a story in Tuesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "We'll know in the next few days how this is going to come out."

The Red Sox and Rangers have been discussing a trade of the sport's only \$20 million men for more than a week. Talks bogged

down over the sheer magnitude of the money involved — more than \$300 million remaining on the two contracts — and the Rangers' demand that Boston pay up to \$5 million a year for the next six years, in addition to more than \$179 million due Rodriguez.

Boston has said it will not chip in a substantial amount toward Ramirez's salary. JIMMY GOLEN (AP)

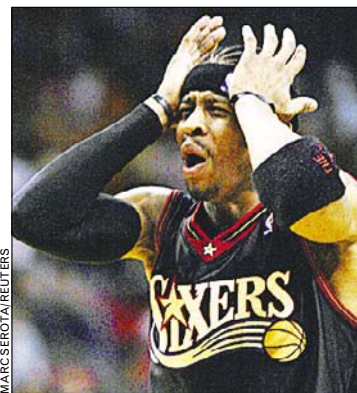
Iverson Could Be Out Until January

PRO BASKETBALL | Allen Iverson could be sidelined until January with a hurt right knee and wishes the Philadelphia 76ers would put him on the injured list.

The NBA's leading scorer has missed two of the team's last three games and said Tuesday he thinks he will miss the 76ers' West Coast road trip that starts Dec. 26 at the Los Angeles Clippers.

Asked whether team doctors have let him know when his knee will be healed, Iverson said: "Nobody's been able to tell me how long it's going to take."

He is averaging 28.9 points, 6.1 assists and 3.8 rebounds for the



76ers guard Allen Iverson complains at a foul call in a game on Dec. 5.

Atlantic Division-leading 76ers.

"I honestly wish they could put me on the injured list so when I come to the games, I don't try to go out there and play," Iverson said at practice. DAN GELSTON (AP)

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL Titans' Volek Out for Season

Billy Volek will miss the rest of the season after lacerating his spleen during his first NFL start for the Tennessee Titans. The Titans' back-up quarterback was hurt Sunday when he led Tennessee to a 28-26 victory while substituting for the injured Steve McNair. McNair is likely to start this week. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL Horn Fined for Celebration

New Orleans Saints receiver Joe Horn will be fined \$30,000 by the NFL for making a cell-phone call in the end zone to celebrate a touchdown, his agent said. Agent Ralph Vitolo said he would appeal. "Fining him is one thing, but to me that's very excessive. This is not a murder case," Vitolo said. (AP)



DEFENSE: Kobe Bryant's attorneys have asked the trial judge to toss out Colorado's rape-shield law so they can tell jurors about the woman's sexual history, raising the possibility of a legal fight that could drag on for months. (AP)

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Sports

Theories Vary on Cause Of Teams' Road Woes

Doctors say it's mental, but others argue talent level leads to losses

Winning on the road is a puzzle the Detroit Lions and Cleveland Cavaliers can't seem to solve. And they're not alone.

Sports psychologists say the problem is mental. Longtime NBA executive Pat Williams thinks it's simpler than that.

Williams believes it's no mystery why teams like the Lions and Cavs — who have 34 straight road losses — struggle on the road. "They're just not very good," said the Orlando Magic's executive vice president.

But that's not always the case. There are dramatic differences between the home and road

records of a number of NFL teams this season.

The San Francisco 49ers are 6-1 at home and 0-7 on the road. The Seattle Seahawks are 7-0 at home, 1-6 on the road. The Baltimore Ravens are 6-1 at home, 2-5 on the road.

Dr. Leonard Zaichkowsky, a sports psychologist at Boston University, believes momentum has a lot to do with this phenomenon. "Once they get on a roll like that, players have a bit of superstition," he said.

The Lions have lost 23 straight road losses, tying the NFL record set by the Houston Oilers from 1981-84. "Certainly it follows us around, and at some point we've got to snap that streak, and people will quit talking about it," first-year Detroit coach Steve Mariucci said. HAL BOCK (AP)

Eagles Close in on Division Crown

PRO FOOTBALL | The Philadelphia Eagles' 0-2 start is only a bad memory.

They're on their longest winning streak in 43 years, a nine-game run they hope can help propel them to the NFC Championship and beyond.

Still, coach Andy Reid and his players aren't looking too far ahead. "I said last week we haven't done anything yet and we're in the same mode now," Reid said Tuesday, one day after the Eagles beat the Miami Dolphins 34-27.

But they're on the verge. One more Philadelphia win or Dallas loss would give the Eagles (11-3) their third consecutive division championship and



Eagles receivers James Thrash and Todd Pinkston celebrate Monday night.

a first-round bye. The Eagles would clinch home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs with wins in their last two games. (AP)

Young guns: The Post unveils its picks for the fall 2003 All-Met teams in football, volleyball soccer, field hockey, cross country | Today's Post, pullout section

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO HOCKEY (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals and Carolina Panthers, who both fired their head coaches in December, square off in Carolina.

PRO HOCKEY (9:30 p.m. on ESPN2) The Colorado Avalanche try to move into first place of the Northwest Division when hosting the Minnesota Wild.

PRO BASKETBALL (8 p.m. on ESPN) The new-look Boston Celtics, featuring former Cleveland Cavalier Ricky Davis, host the Dallas Mavericks, featuring former Celtic Antoine Walker.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. on ESPN2) No. 3 Duke can move to 7-1 with a victory over visiting Princeton (4-2) in a non-league game.

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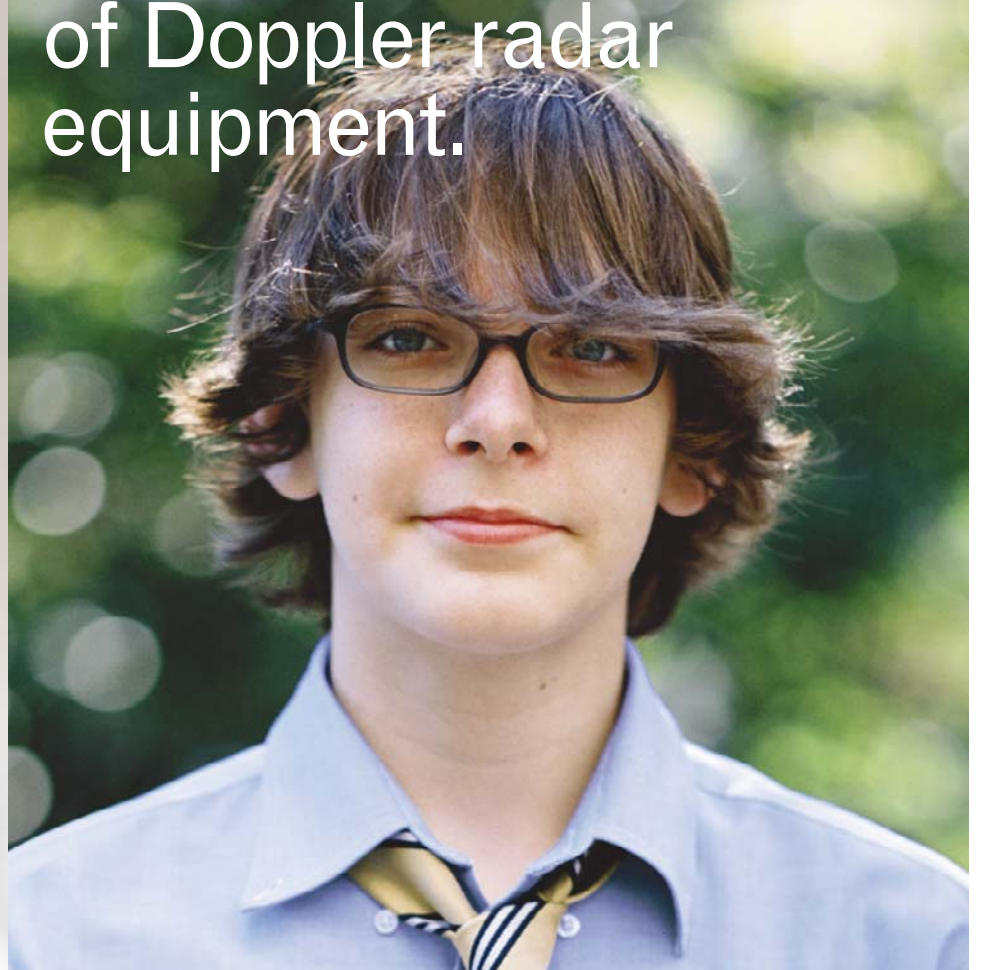
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Cars



CABIN FEVER: The Toyota Tundra pick-up truck's cab is so big that it requires a DVD unit to entertain riders in the back seats.

Double-Cab Fun

ROAD TEST | Toyota's Tundra pick-up truck just got bigger. The latest addition to the Tundra lineup, the Double Cab, now ranks as the biggest vehicle Toyota makes.

The Tundra Double Cab has four, front-hinged doors and a rear seat for three with a seatback that's reclined a comfortable 24 degrees like that in the Toyota Sequoia sport utility vehicle.

The Double Cab also is the only Tundra model that offers a factory-installed, DVD-based entertainment system for rear-seat riders.

It provides the same powerful ride as other Tundras with the uplevel 4.7-liter, double overhead cam, i-Force V8. As it does in the other Tundras, this engine produces 240 horsepower and 315 foot-pounds of torque at 3,400 rpm.

Mated to a four-speed automatic,

it's smooth and surprisingly quiet. I didn't lack for power to pass other vehicles on the highway and to move along quickly off-road.

Besides the noticeably smooth shifts, the Tundra provides a quiet ride — thanks to lots of attention to sound-deadening. I hardly heard the V8 unless I really pushed down aggressively on the accelerator.

The ride in the test 4X4 model in Limited trim with the TRD off-road package and 16-inch wheels was controlled and well-managed. I felt mostly mild vibrations, nothing harsh, while traveling on pavement. Off-road, the bumps were cushioned and I didn't see flexing across the truck's cowl or in back where the long bed is.

The plastic door handles inside the Tundra look as if they came off a Toyota car. The Tundra horn sounds

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like it's from a car as well, and the center console doesn't really have a sizable, truckish look to it. I just wish the Tundra's interior styling was better at conveying that I was at the wheel of a really big truck.

ANN M. JOB (AP)



LIVE ONLINE

Car Care

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats once a month on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

I have a 2002 Ford Escape and the emergency brake light is continually on, even when the brake is not engaged. It's been going on for two weeks now, and, although the car is not driving any differently, it's still a bit disconcerting.

This should be checked immediately! In your case it could be something as basic as low brake fluid level or as complex as a problem in your ABS brake system. But a red warning light should always be treated as being dangerous to you or your car. Never assume a red light is lying. Always assume it is telling the truth.

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When I learned to drive, my dad taught me to press the gas pedal several times before starting the engine, particularly in cold weather. Is this advice still valid?

No. That was when cars had carburetors. Today, all cars are fuel injected and pumping the accelerator will do nothing to the way the car starts. Turn the key, nothing more.

Holiday Deals a Bit Weak

SALES | The auto industry's annual holiday sales push is in full swing. But it's shaping up to be a stingier Christmas than usual. Despite rampant discounting throughout the year, end-of-year deals aren't as generous as in the past.

Instead of big consumer rebates or cut-rate financing, car makers are increasingly giving cash to dealers that they can share with customers if they wish. But unless customers demand these discounts, they aren't likely to get them. In contrast, the recent round of consumer rebates



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Final Fantasy

Peter Jackson's Tolkein trilogy comes to one end after another

FILM | With "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," Peter Jackson delivers a decent ending to his fantasy trilogy — actually, about 12 endings.

This is the main flaw to an otherwise rousing, action-packed closing chapter that began with 2001's "The Fellowship of the Ring" and continued with last year's "The Two Towers." The nine-hour theatrical epic winds up petering out in anticlimactic torpor.

The movie opens with a flashback explaining how Smeagol (Andy Serkis) came to possess his "precious" ring, and the dark deeds that transformed him into wizened fiend Gollum.

Then the action picks up where "Two Towers" left off, with Gollum plotting to regain his "precious" as



IT'S HUGE! Elijah Wood Jr. and Sean Astin are awed by the profits of the three films.

Frodo and Sam trek toward Mount Doom, where they must destroy the ring to keep dark lord Sauron from enslaving Middle-earth.

Meantime, Aragorn, Gandalf and the gang square off against Sauron's plug-ugly minions.

If you're looking for bigger and better battles than the first two chapters, "Return of the King" comes through. Jackson and his New Zealand crew pile computer-generated props, sets and creatures as high as a Nazgul's eye to create

the colossal combat scenes.

Bat-faced orcs ride gargantuan elephants into battle against humans on horseback. The adversaries engage in a very cool catapult duel that brings mountains of broken castle stone down on the warriors. Aragorn and pals Legolas the Elf (Orlando Bloom) and Gimli the Dwarf (John Rhys-Davies) charge into the fray at the head of a ghastly ghost army.

Frodo's battle with a giant spider is one of the creepiest computer-animated sequences ever produced.

While Liv Tyler's Arwen and Cate Blanchett's Galadriel again are mere window-dressing, Miranda Otto's Eowyn soars to provide the most forceful female presence in the entire trilogy and arguably the strongest single moment in "Return of the King."

Christopher Lee's evil wizard Saruman is absent, though no doubt he'll be back in the extended home-video version. Tolkien fans still can look forward to that precious longer cut next fall.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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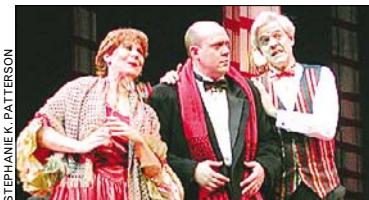
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Sing It, Scrooge: Dickens Goes Broadway

Sure, "A Christmas Carol" has greed, death, social conscience and redemption, but what it really needs is songs. The wacky, show tune-driven musical "A Broadway Christmas Carol" provides them.

Round House Theatre, East-West Highway at Waverly Street, Bethesda; 8 p.m., \$33-\$39; 240-644-1100.

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Victorian Sensation

A TV profile shows that Charles was quite the Dickens

TELEVISION | Had the contemporary notion of celebrity existed in the 19th century, Charles Dickens would certainly have topped the list.

Like Mark Twain, Victor Hugo and Leo Tolstoy, Dickens blazed the trail of literary celebrity by becoming more famous than his best-selling books. The superior three-hour profile "Dickens" (8 p.m., PBS) combines documentary narration, dramatic re-enactment and clips from "Masterpiece Theatre" presentations of Dickens's many novels to offer a surprising psychobiography of the novelist most closely associated with the vast and often cruel changes of the Victorian era.

It also emphasizes the biographical roots of his most beloved characters, including David Copperfield, Oliver Twist, Tiny Tim, Little Nell and many more.

Host Peter Ackroyd pops up in period costume and settings to move the narrative along. Anton Lesser does a credible job as Dickens himself, frequently seen giving dramatic readings of his works before enraptured audiences who knew every



AP

Dickens's galloping plots and indelible characters made him a popular read.

word and character.

These readings helped cement Dickens as the greatest novelist and entertainer of his age. Prunella Scales and Timothy West play the author's parents, who appear in many interviews expressing a dim appreciation of their negative role in their son's upbringing and their inspiration for some of his most pathetic and emotionally icy characters.

These interviews, and the many references to Dickens's secret lovers and other mysteries, add a touch of "True Hollywood Story" to this literary profile. And that's both perfectly appropriate and vastly entertaining, given Dickens's status as a celebrity before his time. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



Jack White, right, exchanged blows with another Detroit neo-garage singer.

Girls, You're Both Pretty

BATTLE OF THE BANDS | Police are investigating a fight at a Detroit music venue involving the lead singers of the White Stripes and Von Bondies. The fight between Jack White of the White Stripes

and Jason Stollsteimer of the Von Bondies broke out Saturday night at the Majestic Theatre Center, police said.

Stollsteimer, 25, told police that White punched him seven times in the face. Police said Stollsteimer's right eye was bruised and swollen, and he was bleeding from his nose.

White, 28, told police he struck Stollsteimer in self defense. Stollsteimer's manager, Rick Canny, said "this was not a fight, this was an attack."

White's spokeswoman, Alison Zero, declined comment Monday. White is the lead vocalist, songwriter and guitar player for the White Stripes, a two-piece rock band based in Detroit. (AP)

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Spinning Magic: DJ Craze

2 DJ Craze choose his nom de disque well — it has become a craze among DJs to imitate the rhythms of drum 'n' bass music using two turntables and a microphone, and Craze is the one who started it. He's the three-time DMC World Champion and he'll be at Five tonight.

Five, 1214-B 18th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$12; \$10 with a can of food; 202-331-7123. (Farragut West)

Natural Materials: Carbon Leaf

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Truth in Advertising: Mindless Self Indulgence

4 New York-based industrial novelty punk art-rock, Mindless Self Indulgence alienates audiences nationwide with its insane live shows. Tasteless, talented, hilarious, this two-boys/two-girls outfit promises to remake rock in its own image. With Tub Ring and Uncle [Badword].

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HEADS UP: The Royal Shakespeare Company's "The Tamer Tamed" is its sequel to "The Taming of the Shrew." Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 8 p.m., \$25-\$75; 202-467-4600.

Entertainment

ON TV TONIGHT

IT'S ME, BARBARA WALTERS

THE 10 MOST FASCINATING PEOPLE OF 2003 (9 p.m., ABC). Barbara Walters hosts her annual roundup. This year's collection of newsmakers, stars and flashes-in-the-media-pan include Nicole Kidman, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Beyonce Knowles, Martha Stewart and the Fab Five from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy." Oh, and Sen. Hillary Clinton.

What made the former first lady so "fascinating" in 2003? During 2003



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Walters announces to her friend Siegfried that she's the year's most fascinating.

we witnessed a war, a major change in America's attitude toward the world, two surprise summer movie hits, the unstoppable onslaught of reality television and the rise of a completely unknown presidential candidate.

Where's Johnny Depp? Ellen DeGeneres? Condoleezza Rice? Ruben and Clay? Howard Dean? Sorry, Barbara, this list could have been a lot more fascinating.

MEDIA ON MEDIA

PRIMETIME (10 p.m., ABC) Diane Sawyer interviews Oprah Winfrey about the talk-show host's recent trip to Africa and

her efforts to help children orphaned by AIDS.

I can't see these two TV personalities together without thinking of Michael Jackson. During the 1990s, both Sawyer and Winfrey conducted notoriously toothless interviews with the Gloved One that helped him save his reputation after he had been dogged by charges of child abuse.

If Jackson is eventually convicted of this same crime, will Sawyer and Winfrey regret that they collaborated with a predator? Will their reputations suffer?

BLACK & WHITE & RED-HANDED THE SMOKING GUN YEAR-END SPECIAL (8:30 p.m., Court TV) Mo Rocca hosts a roundup of scandals and stories uncovered on the infamous Web site.

SHE MUST KNOW RYAN

THE O.C. (9 p.m., Fox) Kirsten's rebellious sister Hailey (Amanda Righetti) visits the Cohens.

CULT CHOICE

AMERICAN GRAFFITI (10:05 p.m., AMC). Director George Lucas explores California teen culture circa 1962 in this atmospheric 1973 drama. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Travel Talk

The Washington Post travel staff, aka **THE FLIGHT CREW**, takes queries and comments at washingtonpost.com/liveonline every Monday at 2 p.m.

I do a lot of domestic travel and my personal phone bill is a whopper. Can you recommend a cheap and easy prepaid phone card?

The cheapest, easiest-to-use card that I've found is the ones sold at Costco. If you're not a member, find someone who is and ask them to buy the phone cards. They're half the price of anything at local supermarkets or drugstores.

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Prepaid Travel Cards Prepare for Take Off

MONEY | The traveler's check is getting new plastic wheels and vrooming into ATMs. The electronic version works like a prepaid gift card. As you spend it or use it to withdraw cash, its value decreases.

American Express, which began selling traveler's checks 112 years ago and claims nearly 70 percent of the market, in October started offering a TravelFunds Card. It can be loaded with as much as \$2,750 and used at ATMs and stores that accept American Express.

Last January, AAA expanded a pilot program for prepaid travel cards, and now most of its 77 affiliated clubs in North America offer it.

You can load as much as \$10,000 onto the Cash Passport card and use it at Visa ATMs and stores on the Interlink system.

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CHRISTIAN LUTZ/AP

Prepaid travel cards let you withdraw money from ATMs as you journey.

PIN to draw on a virtual account. If a thief acquires your card, he or she must first know your PIN and then can withdraw only what is left on the card. JANE ENGLE (L.A. TIMES)

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A Parting Gift

JOHN RITTER, who died in September, spent 12 hours two years ago making the improvised dramedy "Man of the Year." After running the festival circuit, the film is now playing in one theater in Los Angeles. The movie stars Ritter as a wealthy honoree at a dinner party that leads to the unraveling of his life. (AP)



LITIGATION

Lawsuitizzle Pendingizzle

In a lawsuit filed Friday, actress Doris Burns sued rapper **SNOOP DOGG** and MTV over an episode of the TV show "Doggy Fizzle Televizzle," in which she claimed she was unwittingly made to appear as if she were naked and engaging in sexual relations with another actor. She is seeking unspecified damages. (AP)



PETAR KUJUNDZIC/REUTERS

COMEDIANS

Tough Crowd

"Gooooood morning Baghdad!" With those words, **ROBIN WILLIAMS** took the outdoor stage at Baghdad International Airport on Tuesday and delivered a barrage of raunchy comedy. "I'm looking at a group of heavily armed people here," Williams joked. "I'm telling myself, 'If you're not funny, it's a problem.'" (AP)



CHRIS PIZELLO/AP

Fleiss sports a dowdy old sweatshirt.

MADAMS

Local Girl Makes Bad

The latest business venture of former Hollywood madam **HEIDI FLEISS** includes personalized underwear with the words "Heidi's No. 1 Girl" and \$50 copies of her book, "Pandering." They are among the items available at her new boutique, Hollywood Madam, which opened Monday on Hollywood Boulevard. The decor includes nude paintings and a Webcam. (AP)

OZZY WATCH

Six More Months of This

OZZY OSBOURNE is joking with nurses — asking two to marry him — but will probably take six months to

fully recover from his quad bike crash injuries, his wife Sharon said Tuesday. The former Black Sabbath lead singer is making progress in the intensive care unit of Wexham

Park Hospital. She said her husband woke up a week after the accident to discover that his single "Changes," a duet with daughter Kelly, was at the top of the British charts. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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UV Index (for solar noon)
0 out of 10, minimal

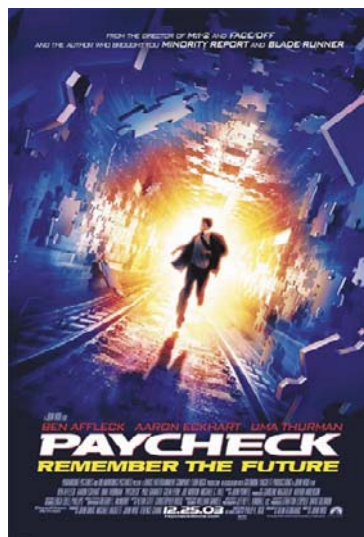
Air Quality Index (AQI)
AQI Today: Not available

Pollen Index (Yesterday)
Reading: Main offender: Not available

Today, cloudy, windy, rain. High 49. Wind south 15-25 mph, becoming west. Tonight, partly cloudy, windy, cold. Low 29. Thursday, partly sunny, windy, cold. High 42.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN RESPONSE to Peter Harper Burris's letter (Dec. 16) proposing that federal and church properties be taxed to raise revenue for Metro, taxation of federal properties by lesser authorities was declared unconstitutional in the case *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819). Therefore, Metro and its constituent regions (D.C., Md., and Va.) are unable to tax federal properties.

In addition, Metro already receives funding from the federal government, so such taxation would only cut into the funds the government provides to Metro.

As to taxing churches, the separation of church and state does not allow such influence, as, in theory, the state could place high enough taxes on a place of worship that it would no longer be able to function, to the detriment of religious freedom.

—MATT BRIDGES
Fairfax, Va.

WHY IS IT that a lot of Metro riders put their lives in jeopardy? The train doors are closing and I've seen people put a leg or foot in the door just to make the door re-open. Hello! Another train is coming in two or three minutes. Is it really worth a body part?

—TNYNEA WILSON
Washington, D.C.

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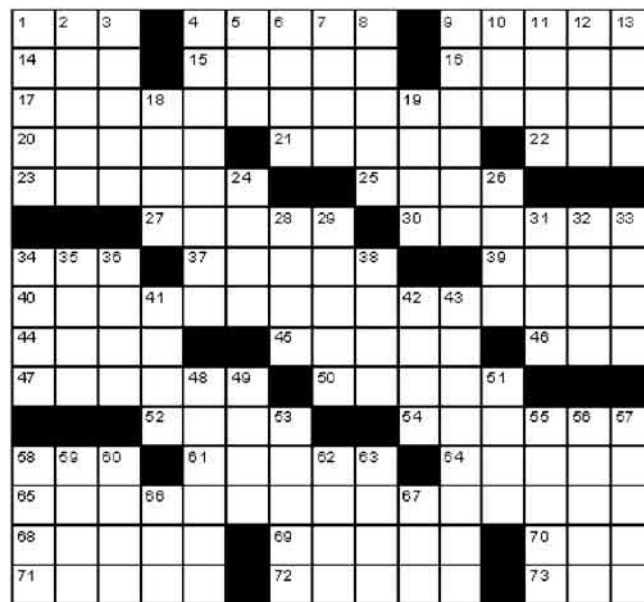
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Shape Up | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Tasseled topper
- 4 Light bulbs, in the comics
- 9 Dry white wine
- 14 Comprehend
- 15 Skin layer
- 16 Chelmsford's county
- 17 London's National Gallery is on it
- 20 Wayne Gretzky, early on
- 21 Big splash at Seaworld
- 22 "Antiques Roadshow" network
- 23 Bug
- 25 Part of a pump
- 27 Giving the once over
- 30 Hebrew prophet
- 34 Have a mortgage, say
- 37 How actors enter
- 39 Replacement for 62-Down
- 40 Mysterious Atlantic Ocean locale
- 44 "Othello" villain
- 45 Bikini or Johnson, e.g.
- 46 Distress signal
- 47 Base individuals?
- 50 Eggs' contents
- 52 Record
- 54 Spoof
- 58 Millionaire of TV
- 61 Barbers



- 64 Hawaiian island
- 65 Earth's southern-most latitude
- 68 Speedy Chevy, familiarly
- 69 Clear, as a chalkboard
- 70 News agcy.
- 71 College boosters, usually

- 72 Tirades
- 73 P, in Greek
- DOWN**
- 1 Shutterbug's setting
- 2 Like a haunted house
- 3 Passions
- 4 "Go ahead, make my day"
- 5 Tierra ___ Fuego

- 6 Units of work
- 7 Indian housemaid
- 8 Miles of film
- 9 "Rocky II," e.g.
- 10 Buckeye's school (Abbr.)
- 11 Urgent letters?
- 12 Action word
- 13 Donald and Ivana, e.g.

- 18 Festive occasion
- 19 Captain Hook's underling
- 24 Coat you throw away
- 26 Bank holding
- 28 March Madness org.
- 29 Courageous
- 31 Milk containers
- 32 Singer Guthrie
- 33 Tills
- 34 Short life lines?
- 35 Become tattered
- 36 Therefore
- 38 Ending for buck
- 41 Like some points
- 42 Evils
- 43 Bases, chemically
- 48 Some pro baseball players
- 49 On ___ (as a gamble)
- 51 Headliner
- 53 Faster's opposite?
- 55 Run up, as charges
- 56 Mr. Kramden
- 57 Refrain letters
- 58 Morning cup, slangily
- 59 Lama and llama difference
- 60 "___ Brute?"
- 62 One-time Italian coin
- 63 Digitize, as a photo
- 66 Where to draw 24 hrs. a day?
- 67 Little Rock clock setting

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Ingenuity can serve you well, but even more valuable to you will be your willingness to trust in the traditions you've established.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Potential is high, and you are in a position to exercise a little more authority than usual. Don't become too aggressive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You and a friend or loved one can work out your differences, if one of you will make the first move. It's up to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You have what it takes to climb to the top with remarkable speed — but take care that you don't take on too much too soon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be approached by someone who is confident you can help — but do you really want to? A little resentment may be unavoidable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be going out on a limb for the sake of someone who needs your help. Be careful that you don't let yourself get into real trouble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You should be able to put your plans in motion early in the day and watch them develop and bear fruit ahead of schedule.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Heed the warnings of family members — especially elders. You can learn a thing or two from

experiences others have had before you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may want to place yourself at the disposal of another to see what there is for you still to learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Avoid being overly dramatic. Your mind is stuck with an idea that is not easily grasped. Problems may arise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Talk about your concerns if you expect others to help you address the problem. You needn't be secretive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — If you are not careful, you're likely to fall into a trap which can keep you from reaching your goals.

LIVE ONLINE

Strom's Past

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post staff writer **MARILYN W. THOMPSON**, author of "Ol' Strom," was online Tuesday to discuss the late Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and his family's acknowledgement Monday of claims by a 78-year-old Los Angeles schoolteacher that she is the senator's mixed-race daughter.

Why did Essie Mae Washington-Williams, who presumably was also touched by discrimination in her life, never break with her father's public image and messages of hate and bigotry?

Ms. Williams is a very religious person and somehow this issue was tied up in her views of Christian-like behavior. Her children convinced her that it was part of history.

Interestingly, a newspaper in 1948, The Baltimore Afro-American, did a long piece on Thurmond's alleged black offspring that talked about other possible family connections. The paper did not mention Essie, and no one picked up on this piece at the time.

Wasn't Thurmond quite progressive during his early years as a teacher/coach ... and only changed to a virulent segregationist well after his political career began?

You are right. Thurmond made a name for himself as a liberal progressive. He had a few race initiatives that were ahead of their time, but he did a flip-flop in 1948 after aides advised him that he had a shot at the presidency if he played the race card and aligned himself with the Dixiecrats.

Why do you think Thurmond took this secret to his grave instead of making a public admission in the last few years when an acknowledgement probably would have caused little, if any, damage?

Sheer pride and deep, deep denial. Both were part of his personality until the end.

Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Samer Shehata, assistant professor at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University, will discuss Arab reaction to the capture of Saddam Hussein from Cairo, Egypt.

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